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SUBJ: SALE OF COMPUTER PLANT TO SOVIET UNION BY NIPPON ELECTRIC
COMPANY

REF: MOSCOW 10911

1. NIPPON ELECTRIC COMPANY (NEC) CONCLUDED AGREEMENT WITH SOVIETS IN MAY FOR SALE OF PLANT AND EQUIPMENT TO PRODUCE MINI-COMPUTER WIRE MEMORY DEVICES. CASE WAS WIDELY REPORTED IN JAPANESE PRESS. NEC DECLINED TO COMMENT ON THE SALE OTHER THAN TO VERIFY THE NEWS ARTICLES.

2. COCOM APPROVAL WAS REPORTEDLY OBTAINED AFTER MINISTRY OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY (MITI) SECURED SOVIET PROMISE NOT TO USE MEMORIES FOR WEAPONS MANUFACTURE. THE PLANT IS EXPECTED TO START PRODUCTION SOMETIME THIS SUMMER AND IS CAPABLE OF PRODUCING 10 MILLION BYTES/MONTH. COST ESTIMATED 600 MILLION YEN (APPROX. U.S. 2 MILLION, U.S. \$1 EQUAL YEN 295) WILL BE PAID ON A DOLLAR BASIS. NEC AND MITI OFFICIALS VERY RELUCTANT TO COMMENT ON SALE OR HOW COCOM APPROVAL OBTAINED. PLANT REPORTEDLY
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3. DEEP DOWNTURN IN SOME AREAS OF JAPANESE ELECTRONIC INDUSTRY MAY LEAD TO MORE ACTIVE ATTEMPTS TO SELL SUCH

EQUIPMENT TO OTHER COUNTRIES.

4. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY COMMENTS COCOM REP MAY
HAVE ON SALE.
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